

R E M A R K S

All the pending claims were canceled and replaced with a new set of claims.

The withdrawn claims were canceled hereinabove. Applicants reserve their rights under 35 USC 121 to file a Divisional application directed to said withdrawn claims.

New claim 69 replaces claim 40.

New claim 70 contains the features of claim 41.

New claim 71 contains the features of claim 45.

New claim 72 contains the features of claim 60.

New claim 73 contains the features of claim 61.

New claim 74 contains the features of claim 67.

New claim 75 contains the features of claim 68.

New claim 76 recites the features of claim 62.

New claim 77 recites the features of claim 63.

New claim 78 replaces claim 42.

New claims 79 to 81 recite the features of claim 78.

New claim 82 replaces claim 43.

New claims 83 to 85 recite features of claim 82.

New claim 86 replaces claim 56.

New claim 87 contains the features of claim 57.

New claim 88 recites the features of claim 65.

New claims 89 and 90 recite features of claim 86.

New claim 91 replaces claim 64.

New claims 92 to 94 recite features of claim 91.

The following table shows the correspondence between the previous claims that were objected to or rejected, and the new claims.

<u>Previous Claims</u>	<u>New Claims</u>
40	69
41	70
42	78
43	82
45	71
56	86
57	87
60	72
61	73
62	76
63	77
64	91
65	88
67	74
68	75

Applicants are pleased to note that the claims are free of any prior art rejections.

The objections to claims 40 and 43 set forth in item no. 7 at the middle of the Office Action regarding a spelling error are moot in view of the present claims.

Claim 42 (which depended on claim 40) was objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) for being in improper dependent form for the reason set forth in item no. 8 at the middle of page 3 of the Office Action.

Claim 42 was replaced with new independent claim 78, which follows the Examiner's suggested claim language set forth at the middle of page 5 of the Office Action.

Claims 56, 57 and 65 were objected to for the reasons stated in item no. 9 bridging pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action.

Claim 56 was replaced with new claim 86, which follows the Examiner's suggestion for claim 56 as set forth at the top of page 4 of the Office Action.

Withdrawal of the objections to the claims is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 40 to 43, 45, 60 to 64 and 67 to 68 were objected to under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for the reasons included in item no. 12 bridging pages 4 and 5 of the Office Action.

Claims 40, 42 and 43 were replaced with new claims 69, 78 and 82, respectively, which follow the Examiner's suggested claims set forth on page 5 of the Office Action.

Claims 43 and 64 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for the reasons stated in item no. 13 bridging pages 5 and 6 of the Office Action.

As discussed above, claim 43 was replaced with new claim 78, which follows the Examiner's suggested claim 43 as set forth on page 5 of the Office Action.

Claim 64 was replaced with new independent claim 91. Claim 91 includes the Examiner's suggested claim language as set forth on page 5 of the specification.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present claims comply with all the requirements of 35 USC 112.

Reconsideration is requested. Allowance is solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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